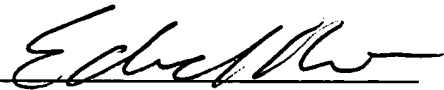


## REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to Claim 14 corrects a typographical error. Specifically, "by a lens section" at line 9 and "each of" at line 10 have been deleted. The present amendment to Claim 14 substantially corresponds to amendments to Claim 40 made in a Preliminary Amendment dated October 28, 2003 in which "by a lens section" and "each of" were deleted from Claim 40. Accordingly, the "synchronism-detecting optical means" of Claim 14 now substantially corresponds to the "synchronism-detecting optical means" of Claim 40. As such, the indicated allowability of Claim 14 is not believed to be affected by the foregoing amendment and it is believed that Claim 14 continues to be allowable. In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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